

Manufacturers that submit required reports to the Commission directly (rather than through trade associations) incur some nominal costs for paper and postage. Staff estimates that these costs do not exceed \$2,500. Manufacturers must also incur the cost of providing labels and fact sheets used in compliance with the Rule. Based on estimates of 44,533,465 units shipped and 109,500 fact sheets prepared,¹ at an average cost of seven cents for each label or fact sheet, the total (rounded) labeling cost is \$3,125,500.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0259]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Market Research Questionnaire

AGENCY: Federal Supply Service, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to a previously approved OMB Clearance (3090-0259).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement entitled Market Research Questionnaire. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 22, 1998 at 63 CFR 56653 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received.

DATES: Comment Due Date: January 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of

this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, Room 3235, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503 and also may be submitted to Marjorie Ashby, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Bacon, Federal Supply Service on (703) 305-6573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The GSA is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve information collection, 3090-0259 concerning Market Research Questionnaire. The Market Research Questionnaires are used to gather information that is necessary to develop and/or revise Federal specifications and other purchase descriptions.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 25; *annual responses:* 25; *average hours per response:* 2.4; *burden hours:* 60.

Copy of Proposal: A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (20) 501-3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-3341.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 99025]

Emerging Infections Sentinel Networks; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for a cooperative agreement program for the operation of provider-based Emerging Infections Sentinel Networks (EISN). This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases. The purpose of the

program is to assist recipients in operating and enhancing established EISNs or in setting up new networks for assessing emerging infections. These networks will assess emerging infectious diseases, including drug-resistant, foodborne and waterborne, and vaccine-preventable or potentially vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sentinel networks linking groups of participating individuals or organizations are helpful in monitoring a variety of infectious disease problems and enhancing communication among participants, and between participants and the public health community. They also can serve as readily accessible mechanisms to address urgent public health infectious disease problems rapidly. Three sentinel networks are currently receiving funds through this cooperative agreement program: Infectious Disease Society of America Emerging Infections Network; Emergency ID Net, a network of academically affiliated emergency departments; and GeoSentinel, a network operated by the International Society for Travel Medicine. Further development of the sentinel network concept will continue to improve understanding of specific public health issues and enhance preparedness to meet new infectious disease threats.

B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit organizations and by governments and their agencies, that is, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private nonprofit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, or Indian tribal organizations.

Note: Public Law 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$525,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund approximately three awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$175,000, ranging from \$150,000 to \$200,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about May 1, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. The funding estimate may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as

¹ The units shipped total is based on combined actual or estimated industry figures for 1997 across all of the product categories, except for fluorescent lamp ballasts, lamp products, and plumbing fixtures. Staff has determined that, for those product categories, there are little or no costs associated with the labeling requirements. The fact sheet estimation is based on the previously noted assumption that five percent of HVAC manufacturers produce fact sheets on their own. Based on total HVAC units shipped (8,759,907), five percent amounts to 437,995 HVAC units. Because manufacturers generally list more than one unit on a fact sheet, staff have estimated that manufacturers independently preparing them will use one sheet for every four of these 437,995 units. Thus, staff estimate that HVAC manufacturers produce approximately 109,500 fact sheets.